(b) the number of recommendations which have been implemented/yet to be implemented;

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw reservation from more items in the small scale industries sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) The Major recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee, *inter alia*, include enactment of a separate law for small enterprises, inclusion of service enterprises in the SSI fold, enhancement of investment limit for SSI units, promotion of technology development, further streamlining of the credit delivery systems and de-reservation of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. The recommendations have been broadly accepted barring a few such as, enhancement of investment limit to Rs. 30 million and abolition of SSI reservation.

(c) and (d) The issue of reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the SSI Sector is examined on a continual basis by the Advisory Committee on Reservation, which has been specifically constituted for this purpose under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. Addition/deletion/change in nomenclature of items in the reservations list is made from time to time based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

Increasing the fund allocation for MPLADS

4250. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a general pressing demand from several Members of Parliament for increasing the per Member Annual allocation for MPLADS from Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 4 crore per year.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any demand for widening the scope and guidelines for utilising these funds specifying the nature of Projects to be funded therewith have also been made; if so, whether the guidelines have been widened and in respect of what nature of schemes in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) and (b) Some Members of Parliament have demanded that the allocation of member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) funds may be increased. Such requests have been made on the ground that the existing allocation is not sufficient due to increase in prices and more demands being placed on the MPs by their constituents.

(c) The requests for widening the scope of the scheme are received from time to time. Wherever such requests are received, these are considered and keeping in view the all relevant aspects, appropriate decisions are taken. In recent past items like construction of building, etc. for unaided but recognised schools, construction of level crossing at unmanned railway crossing were included in the items permissible under the scheme.

Non-Implementation of Projects

4251. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Finance has taken serious exception for not properly overseeing the various projects of the Central Government which has resulted in huge cost and time overrun,

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the various Ministries which had administrative control of these projects.

(c) whether Government would like to fix individual and institutional responsibility for the cost escalation and delay in completions of the projects and if not, the reasons therefore, and

(d) what further action is being contemplated in this regard ?

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